



# Crowmarsh Gifford C.E. Primary School

"Let your light shine..." ~Matthew 5:16~ Faith ~ Service ~ Integrity ~ Responsibility ~ Truth ~ Excellence

Week 3

Term 4

March 14<sup>th</sup> 2019

## **Easter Eggs**

Like all years, we will be again collecting Easter Eggs for the senior citizens on our list in the village. We also, would like to give a number of eggs to the Wallingford Food Bank for their food parcels. Many of the local senior citizens are alone during the holiday seasons; therefore, by demonstrating our value of Service we let them know that we are thinking about them during Easter. Please bring any donations to the office. Thank you in advance.

## **Adult Krav Maga**

Join us for Krav Maga – a martial art based self-defence – on Monday evenings starting from 5 until 6:30. Each session is £10 and is in the school hall. We have limited space as many staff members are already doing it, so first come first served!

## **Spring Performance Evening**

We will be having our Spring Performance Evening on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 6:30p.m. We will be taking a collection on the evening for a charity called Grief Encounter. This charity was recommended by a grandparent who explained to us the impact this charity has on the families it supports. More information can be found here: [www.griefencounter.org.uk](http://www.griefencounter.org.uk)

## **Spring Reading Morning**

We will be having our spring reading morning in the hall on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of March at 8:00. Come and enjoy a story

and coffee with your child before school starts.

## **Easter Crafting Morning**

We will have our annual crafting Easter morning on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April from 8:00 in the hall. Come and enjoy making some Easter crafts with your children. Hope to see many of you there.

## **Young Carers**

Crowmarsh Young Carers takes place every fortnight and is a time to relax and play.

If your child looks after someone in the family because they are ill or require emotional support they may qualify to join our group of amazing young people. Even if the family circumstances are temporary your child may still join. Young carers 8-18 years old are entitled to a leisure card which gives up to 50% discount on leisure activities in Oxfordshire including Didcot Wave leisure. They just turn up and show their card and pay for the activity they wish to use. If you'd like a leisure card for your child they will need to join Be Free Young Carers. There are also days out and activities that your child can participate in so it is well worth joining. For Be Free Young Carers, phone 01235838554 or contact Crowmarsh Young Carers, Jackie Napier-Jones on 07375457512.

**What has been your favourite book that you have read or had read aloud to you? Why do you like it? What draws you in? Have you read other books by the same author?**

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**Week Ahead**

**Monday: Krav Maga**

**Year 4 cooking**

**Tuesday: Year 1 cooking**

**Wednesday:**

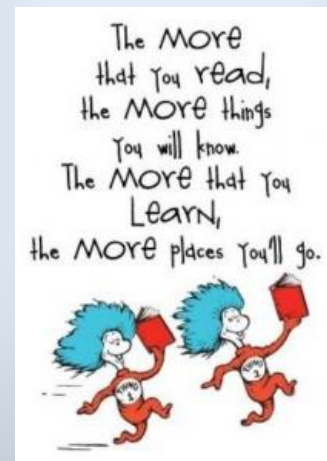
**Thursday: Choir**

**KS2 Football Club**

**Multi-skills**

**Year 3 cooking**

**Friday: Year 2 cooking**



## **Spring Walk with Mrs Barton**

Come and join me for a spring walk starting in Dorchester-on-Thames up to the Wittenham Clumps and back again. We will meet at 10:30 in the free car park at Bridge End Dorchester on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is roughly a four mile walk but you can decide to leave at any point. If it is a nice day we can picnic up on the Clumps, or walk back into Dorchester for a cup of tea – or both!

Again, this walk will be to help raise money to support Sue Ryder. Any donations welcome. All donations please to: [www.justgiving.com/Flora-Barton1](http://www.justgiving.com/Flora-Barton1)  
Hope to see some of you there!

## **Red Nose Day**

Red noses are still available to purchase from the school office at £1.25 or being taken around the school by school council at the end of lunch break. Children are being encouraged to show their support for Comic Relief by wearing something red; either an addition to the uniform or something totally different.

**Cooking** - I would like to thank everyone for the support I have had setting cooking up. Now we are underway, and by the end of next week, all children should have had the opportunity to cook. I have tried to tie in this term's recipes in with the class topic, so it is relevant to other aspects of the curriculum. I would like to thank those of you who have given their contributions to the office. The PTA kindly funded these terms ingredients, so contributions will fund future sessions. For those parents with children with allergies, I am happy for you to provide substitute ingredients, and will always send out the recipe in advance so any questions can be answered. If you have any questions, please e mail or speak to the school office, who will pass

Are you worried about your child? Are you unsure about the progress they are making? Do you have questions about the teaching and learning in your class? Please don't wait until parent's evenings to come and see your class teacher. If you have any issues or questions, no matter what they are, we urge you to make an appointment as soon as possible. Effective partnership between home and school is vital to children's success.

these on to me. I would also like to thank those of you who sent in contributions of ingredients. Any contributions which are suitable are going to be used for a fundraising initiative the house leaders have come up with to help raise more funds for Sue Ryder - a charity close to the school's heart. More about this will follow. *Michelle Hewer*

The green post box at the start of the pedestrian entrance to school and the green box in school reception are emptied daily. All school communication can be safely and securely deposited this way.

***School dinner menus will be emailed weekly separately out on a Wednesday. – Please ensure you order your lunch requirements, especially jacket potatoes in advance. Please see flyers and adverts for community events at the end of this document.***

**Rob Parsons**, Reading 15th May. This spring, for one night only, Rob will be bringing The Wisdom House to Reading. It's an evening full of real-life stories that touch the heart and he'd love

to share them with you. Here are what others have said: *Simply an enlightening event! Really enjoyed it. Presented in a creative and challenging way. It was SO brilliant. So easy to listen to. Like a nutritional meal to digest. This was an excellent evening. Just about every one of every age should hear it.* During this event there will be poignant moments that I hope will be a catalyst to impact your future. Venue: The Pavilion, Lifespring Church., 143-145 Oxford Road, Reading RG1 7UY. Tickets £7. <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/other-events/the-wisdom-house>

## **Guitar Lessons - Spaces available!**

Should your son/daughter be interested in learning to play guitar, please contact: Manu Weikert on 01491 833715 or [manu@steamboatmusic.co.uk](mailto:manu@steamboatmusic.co.uk) (Applicants should be at least 7 years old).

Learn Brass with **BRASS IN CLASS! – Spaces available!** Lessons at school, play with friends. Tuba, Euphonium, Baritone, Trombone, Horn, Trumpet or Cornet. For more detail: [ian@brassinclass.com](mailto:ian@brassinclass.com) or 07766616162. Application form and flyer in attachments at the end of this Newsletter.

## Choir News

## PE News

**RAF Benson Community Primary School Annual Cross-Country** Event. Saturday 23rd March 2019. The event is held on the field adjacent to the School and the races are open to all pupils in Years 1 to 6. The first race will start at 10am and registration will take place on the field and will open from 9.30am. All pupils are warmly invited to this event and are eligible to run in one race appropriate to their age and year group. There is NO entry fee and the children just need to wear their PE kit and trainers. Please register your interest by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March with Mrs Hallam in the school office if you intend to compete, as we need to give prior notice to RAF Benson school before the event.

## Governors' Email

Parents wishing to contact the school governors may email them at [1gov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:1gov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk)

## PTA News

**Film Club.** Friday 29th March. Form attached. Choices are Lego Movie or Hotel Transylvania 3.

### Pre-School News

Crowmarsh Pre-school are holding a quiz on Saturday 27th April at Crowmarsh Village Hall to raise funds for a new climbing structure. Tickets are £10 which includes food and there will be a silent auction and raffle during the evening. For tickets please email [rowmarshpreschoolquiznight@gmail.com](mailto:rowmarshpreschoolquiznight@gmail.com) pop along to pre-school or see Anne Churchill. Bring your friends for a fun evening. We would be really grateful if anyone has any raffle and silent auction prizes that they would like to donate to help us boost the fund raising and give out some great prizes.

## Church News

**BLAST** – Building Lives Around Sound Truth. Games, Crafts, Music, Nights out, Tuck shop - £1 entry. Wallingford Baptist Church. Open to school years 6 – 7 every Friday evening during term time 7pm – 8pm.  
[blast@wallingfordbaptist.co.uk](mailto:blast@wallingfordbaptist.co.uk)

**INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE EVENING** for school years 5, 6 & 7 this Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7-8:30pm. Cost is just a donation to Comic Relief which will be shown through the evening. Wallingford Baptist Church.

**Community News – We are happy to include community items when space permits, but readers should be aware that events and activities have not been researched by the school.**

**POOS FROM THE PAST** For many people the idea of excavating old human poo is disgusting! Not so for archaeologists. Poo is called 'coprolites' by archaeologists. Coprolites can include loads of evidence to understand what people ate in the past, and also how they prepared their food. They can tell archaeologists about past eating habits, trading of foodstuffs and much more. During the Easter holidays (9, 11, 16, 18 April), Wallingford Museum will be holding 12 one-hour workshops to explore this subject! This activity will give families a chance to gain some hands-on experience of excavation, recording and analysing the contents of fake coprolites. The challenge will be to work out from which time period they came, and share their findings with other members of the workshop. If time allows, you will also look at food timelines to discover which foods were introduced and when! Advance booking is required. This activity is suitable for ages 7 to adult, but children must be

accompanied by an adult please. The workshop is free to children and season ticket holders. Adults accompanying children will be requested to pay an admission charge to the museum of £5, for an annual season ticket. For full details including online booking:- [www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk/news--events.html](http://www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk/news--events.html)

**Crowmarsh Playground and Outdoor Gym** – Grand Opening date. Please save the date! We are hoping that Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> will be the Grand Opening of the New Playground and Outside Gym are in Crowmarsh. More details of the event to follow in April's edition of the Crowmarsh News. For updates and progress photographs please see Crowmarsh Parish Council web site  
[www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk](http://www.crowmarshgifford.org.uk)

The **Big Knit Campaign** in aid of the local independent charity, Age UK Oxfordshire is now in its 15th year nationally. They are working alongside brand partner Age UK national, Innocent Smoothies and other Age UKs across the UK to knit little hats to adorn smoothie bottles – they need your help! For more information [www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/knit](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/knit) which features Big Knit patterns to choose from and how to donate your hats.

**Quiz & Chilli Night!** at Crowmarsh School on the 23rd March 7-10pm. Tickets are only £10 and include chilli (veggie option available), the quiz and additional fun games. We are looking for teams between 4-8 people. This quiz night is to raise funds for a volunteering opportunity to teach young children English and other subjects in Myanmar (Burma). I am Eleanor an ex-student of Crowmarsh Gifford Primary school now studying A levels in my final year at Wallingford

school. To enable me to be part of this great project I need to fundraise £6000. Please buy tickets in advance by emailing me [eleanore.johns.ej@gmail.com](mailto:eleanore.johns.ej@gmail.com) or donate via <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/EleanorJohns2> Thank you. More information on attachments.

**Hithercroft Squash Rackets Club**, at the Sports Park on Hithercroft Road, Wallingford, has an introductory offer on Saturday mornings for group squash coaching for young people aged 10 to 12. The cost is just £15 for five weeks, starting on 6th March 2019. Sessions will run from 9.00 to 10.00 am. We will provide racquets and eye-protectors. To find out more and to get an application form, email the junior coach, Richard Kellagher at [r.squashcoach@gmail.com](mailto:r.squashcoach@gmail.com) or contact Yvonne Peet via the school office. To find out more about the club, visit [www.hithercroftsquash.com](http://www.hithercroftsquash.com)

**2019 Thames Run.** The Thames Run is a multi-terrain route along local footpaths and the banks of the River Thames, and back through the historic market town of Wallingford. This year's Thames Run will take place on Sunday 19th May at 09:30. Last year's event was a huge success, raising money for Crowmarsh Gifford School PTA and Style Acre. Online entry to both the 5k and 10k runs is now open at [www.thamesrun.co.uk](http://www.thamesrun.co.uk) with early bird reduced rates for anyone entering before 31st March. Enter now and set yourself a goal for 2019. Why not aim for a personal best! **Can You Help?**

If you are able to marshal this year, please email [stevenson.rob@gmail.com](mailto:stevenson.rob@gmail.com) as soon as possible. If you know anyone else that can help out please ask them too! Marshalls are there to ensure that everyone safely gets round the course and to provide encouragement for the

runners. It's a fun morning and the school fete will be the same day so there will be plenty going on afterwards, with stalls, food and refreshments available. Thanks again to all that helped out last year. We couldn't do it without you! Online entry to both the 5k and 10k runs is now open at [www.thamesrun.co.uk](http://www.thamesrun.co.uk) with early bird reduced rates for anyone entering before 31st March. Enter now and set yourself a goal for 2019. Why not aim for a personal best!

Our lovely caretaker **Jay Anderson** is a professional photographer! He has a brand-new photography studio in Benson offering wedding, family, portraits, headshots, passport and commercial photography. [www.jayandersonphotography.co.uk](http://www.jayandersonphotography.co.uk) or 07464945466 Great present ideas!

Wall to Wall productions and BBC 2 are looking for a family with connections to the countryside and village life to take part in the news series of **BACK IN TIME**. For more information and to apply please visit [www.walltowall.co.uk](http://www.walltowall.co.uk) and click on take part.

**Step In Time – School of Performing Arts.** Offers classes in tap, Ballet, modern and jazz for boys and girls from the age of 4 years. In addition, we have Musical Theatre classes, limbering, Commercial and adult dance classes. Our classes are held in and around Didcot. Whether you want to dance for fun, fitness or pursue a career in the Performing Arts, come and see what we have to offer. The first class in any genre is a free taster class. Contact us today to book your free taster classes. Email: [stepintimepa@gmail.com](mailto:stepintimepa@gmail.com); [www.stepintimedance.co.uk](http://www.stepintimedance.co.uk); Instagram: *timestepin*; Tricia: 07565 349 523

**South Oxfordshire Music Centre at Wallingford School.**

Saturdays 9:30am-12:00pm. To apply contact [jemma.evans@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:jemma.evans@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/southmusiccentre](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/southmusiccentre)

Easter **Singing Course at Worcester College**, Oxford on the 8th - 10th April 2019. Our courses are for children (aged 7-13) who love to sing! All our courses are devised to include whole group singing, singing lessons in small groups to improve technique, music appreciation, music history, music theory in the form of games and exercises. Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us Samantha Wickham: The Oxford & Cambridge Singing School: [www.oxbridgesingingschool.com](http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.com)